

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

JANUARY 12, 2015

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, January 12, 2015 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Mary Makley Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and present were Mary Makley Wolff, Karl Schultz, and Ken Tracy.

Mr. Fronk advised that Chief Madsen will present two options for the disposal of surplus equipment. Chief Madsen advised the Board of an alternative to GovDeals for auctioning Township surplus equipment. It is called PropertyRoom.com. This auction site started as a site to auction police property room items but over time has expanded to include all government surplus equipment and vehicles. A primary advantage of PropertyRoom.com is the services they provide in preparing items for auction. With GovDeals, they require our staff to do all prep work including taking pictures, writing descriptions and posting the items on-line. After the auction is complete, staff then takes calls from the successful bidders, sets up appointments and completes the final transaction. PropertyRoom.com does all those services for us and frees up staff to do their primary jobs. PropertyRoom.com comes and picks up the items approved for disposal and does all of the prep work, posting on-line, auction and we get 50% of the proceeds. This frees up valuable time of police officers that could be better utilized. Chief Madsen stated PropertyRoom.com would be open to all of our departments. The other site is Cincinnatiauction.com where vehicles can be sold. Chief Madsen stated Cincinnatiauction.com would retain 15% of the sold vehicle. Chief Madsen is requesting the Board approve the use of these two additional auction sites. Mr. Fronk noted this will be an action item at the January business meeting.

Chief Madsen explained the capital purchases for the department of three Ford Utility Cruisers to replace one 2005 and two 2007 Ford Crown Victorias with over 147,000 miles on them. These vehicles have been rotated through the fleet for as long as possible. The cost for three complete, ready for the road, vehicles will be \$126,636.57. Chief Madsen is also requesting to purchase four AR-15s so that each responding vehicle will now have one. The cost of the four AR-15s would be \$4,333.00.

Chief Kelly is requesting the Trustees approval for the Fire Department to purchase 30 SCBA cylinders in the amount of \$30,750.00. This cost was budgeted as a capital improvement project for 2015. These new units will meet the latest industry standards. In the first phase they will decommission the breathing air compressor at the North Station due to the life and serviceability of that unit and its inability to fill the new SCBA cylinders to their maximum capacity.

Chief Kelly presented an out of Township travel request to send Capt. Brian Gulat to the fire department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis April 20 through April 25 at a cost estimated to be \$2,151.00 which includes registration, hotel, travel and meals. Capt. Gulat is the department's training officer and will be able to share the knowledge and concepts that he will gain at the conference. Chief Kelly stated they are currently applying for a grant that could cover the complete cost of sending Capt. Gulat to the conference and this grant closes on January 15th. They are also hoping to send a few more members of the department to this conference and will bring those forward for the February meeting.

Fiscal Officer, Eric Ferry, commended the Fire Department on what they have done with the temporary station. The Trustees also commended the Fire Department on using their resources in getting the temporary station up and running. Chief Kelly noted the numbers they predicted for calls from that station are almost exact.

Mr. Fronk recommended the Board take action on the out of Township travel request for Capt. Gulat because the grant closed January 15, which is before their next meeting.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the out of Township travel request for Capt. Brian Gulat to go to the Instructors Conference in Indianapolis April 20 through April 25 at a cost not to exceed \$2,151.00, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

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Mr. Tracy made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code and to discuss pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised code, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting “AYE”.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting “AYE”.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson